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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC, LA

SUBJECT: DETENTION OF AUSTRALIAN AND AMERICAN BY PATHET LAO

REF: VIENTIANE 8889

1. TODAY, DECEMBER 10, EMBASSY RECEIVED FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE REPLYING TO EMBASSY'S NOTE OF NOVEMBER 27 ASKING FOR INFORMATION ON AND RELEASE OF CHARLES M. DEAN. REPLY MERELY ACKNOWLEDGES OUR NOTE AND STATES THAT: "THE MINISTRY HAS INFORMED THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES OF THIS AFFAIR, ASKED THEM TO DO WHATEVER IS NECESSARY TO FIND THE MISSING PERSONS AND NOT TO FAIL TO KEEP THE EMBASSY INFORMED OF THE RESULTS OF THEIR INVESTIGATION."

2. BY "COMPETENT AUTHORITIES" THE MINISTRY MEANS THE JOINT CENTRAL COMMISSION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACCORDS (JCCIA). EMBOFFS HAVE MEANWHILE DISCUSSED CASE WITH PL REPRESENTATIVE TO JCCIA COLONEL PHAO BOUNNAPHOL, MOST RECENTLY ON DECEMBER 7; PHAO REPEATED EARLIER ASSERTION THAT HE WOULD RAISE CASE WITH SAM NEUA AND PERSONALLY SEEK INFORMATION WHILE VISITING THAKKEK ON JCCIA BUSINESS.

3. I HAVE BEEN PROMISED AN APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER PHOUMI VONGVICHIT ON DECEMBER 12 TO KEEP UP THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MOMENTUM OF OUR REPRESENTATIONS.

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